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Clayton L. Landa
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Barrick Mercur Gold Mines
P.O. Box 838
Tooele, Utah 84074

Re: Formal Approval of Form and Amount of Replacement Reclamation Surety, Barrick Resources (USA) Inc and Barrick Gold Corporation, Mercur Mine, M/045/017, Tooele County, Utah

Dear Mr. Landa:

On December 10, 1997, the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining conditionally approved the form and amount of replacement reclamation surety for the Mercur Mine. The reclamation surety in the amount of \$8,509,500 is in the form of a self bond. Barrick requested bond reduction due to reclamation of the Sunrise Waste Rock Disposal area. The Division approved of the release request which reduced the bond amount from \$8,808,891 to \$8,509,500. A new Reclamation Contract and the new Self Bond forms were received November 14, 1997, which were presented to the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining for approval in their December hearing. The Board requested that the Reclamation Contract and the Self Bonding forms reflect **both** Barrick Resources (USA) Inc. and Barrick Gold Corporation. The newly revised forms were received February 2, 1998.

Board and Division signatures were obtained on the new forms February 25 and 26, 1998. Enclosed please find copies of the fully signed and executed Reclamation Contract and accompanying Self Bond forms with the effective date of February 26, 1998 for your files. We have also enclosed the "old" original Reclamation Contract dated August 16, 1990 with accompanying Self Bond, and the "unsigned" Reclamation Contract and Self Bond form received November 14, 1997, for your disposal.

Thank you for your help and patience in finalizing this permitting action. Please call me if you have any questions in this regard.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program

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Enclosures: New RC & self bond dated 2/26/98,
old RC & self bond dated 8/16/90 and 11/14/97
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